

To: F.C.C.,

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Ref. Docket NO# 16-41

I am writing in Reguard To The
Fact That Cable Companies are charging
To much For my Family To Receive
The RFD TV Channel.

The Cable company Bundles R.F.D.
channel with 4 or 5 other channels
that I do not want But Have To
Pay for them just the same.
This is NOT right for them to
do that to thousands of people
I hope some one is smart enough
to know that R.F.D. is need in
this U.S.A. Both city and Rural folks.
I feel that all cable companies
should have RFD in their Base
Package.

I am strongly against This Practice
of Cable Co. Doing Just This:
The F.C.C. should Look NOT THIS VERY CLOSE

Ph. 276 9885231

Robert Harris
218 Rocky Dell Rd
JANZENWELL, VA, 24651

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Feb 23-2016

Dear Sir

Please Keep RFD-TV on the air

I like the music

I watch on RFD network

The Horse show is good

I think you got the power to say so

I am in a Nursing Home Retiree

Thank you

Gary Priest

66052W

Reynolds, Idaho 83442

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Your submission has been accepted**ECFS Filing Receipt -
Confirmation number:
2016222575631****Proceeding**

Name	Subject
16-41	Promoting the Availability of Diverse and Independent Sources of Video

Contact Info

Name of Filer: Ron & Sharon Drewes
Email Address: shadre@henry-net.com

Address

Address Line 1: E-289 County Road 16C
City: Holgate
State: OHIO
Zip: 43527

Comment

I just want to let you know that we are concerned about the possibility of losing the viewing of our favorite channel - RFD-TV. We view it on Dish, which at the time is not dropping it. This channel is a true family channel. With RFD we do not have to worry about the language that anyone in our house will be hearing. They do not allow foul language. And that means a lot to us. Also, they do not carry all the ridiculous Rx commercials. The programs they show are of much interest to us as senior citizens. We especially enjoy the country music programs, and the polka music, and the rural news. To us it is important to be able to watch this channel.

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*PATRICK
 To let you know
 we support RFD-TV
 and have submitted
 our filing.
 Thank you for furnishing
 us with a family
 TV channel.*

FEBRUARY, 24, 2016

DEAR FCC, PROCEEDING NUMBER 16-41,

I WATCH RFD-TV ON DIRECTV. I WATCH MOLLY B, FFA CONVENTION,
BLUEGRASS, COUNTRY MUSIC, RURAL NEWS - EVERYTHING !
THAT IS REALLY THE ONLY REASON I HAVE ANY CABLE TELEVISION.
THIS COUNTRY RELIES ON RURAL AMERICA FOR THEIR FOOD, AND
I FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE ACCESS TO ALL THE INFORMATION
GIVEN THROUGH PROGRAMS ON RFD. IF ANYTHING, IT SHOULD BE
PROMOTED SO MORE PEOPLE ARE INFORMED ABOUT RURAL
AMERICA!

SINCERELY,

Paul J. Williams
BELLVILLE, OH 44813

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February 25, 2016
2574 Pioneer Rd
Dillon, Ia. 52223

Dear FCC, Proceeding Number 16-41.

My name is Marge Billings -
and address is stated above
(below date). The phone number
is 563-922-2868.

I watch RFD-TV on Dish Network.
It is very important to protect
our ~~independent~~ independent programs.
They provide so much diversity.
My husband and I watch
it so very much and we
would be lost without it.
RFD-TV has something for
everyone. There is music,
(which is my personal favorite)
but the agricultural shows, the
rodeos, the equine shows are
all so important, especially
for us rural members.

Please help us to keep
this station by standing behind
our independent network.

Thank you for listening to our
requests.

Respectfully

Marge Billings

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To: FCC

From: Loyal M Hyatt

1726 S 6th St

Brainerd, MN 56401

Re: Hearing 16-41

Date: Feb. 24, 2016

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Sirs:

I believe that it is most important that Independent Broadcasters be allowed to continue as they have in the past. The large network conglomerates have no idea what rural America needs and wants in program content and the only ones providing this programming are the Independent Broadcasters.

My background: Born and raised on a farm, worked on other farms; 4H member for 12 years; FFA member for three years; attended U of MN College of Agriculture/degree in Agricultural Education and Masters Degree; worked as County Extension Agent 6 years; taught Adult Farm Management 4 years; taught High School Agriculture, Horticulture, Agribusiness & Natural Resources 28 years; our FFA Chapter, Members and I received State and National Recognition many times. I am now retired as of 1995; am a disabled veteran since 1954 with a rating of 80% disabled in 2007 and 100% in 2012.

Television programming provided by Independent Broadcasters such as Outdoors, Weather, and especially RFD-TV with their Agricultural News; Weather; New Advancements in Agricultural Machinery, Plant Insect & Disease Control; Livestock Breeding; Rural Recreation, Rodeo, Hunting Fishing Etc.: Gospel and Country Music; and programs about Rural Country People past and present.

If these Independent Broadcasters continue to be squeezed out by the large networks then I along with millions of other seniors, rural people and even many city people who watch these programs will have nothing of interest to watch.

FCC
%Patrick Gotsch
RFD-TV
49 Music Square West, Suite 301
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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Dear Patrick,

Please take our comment to the FCC. Re: 16-41

We don't get RFD-TV on our server and wish we could. I watch RFD-TV when I visit my father who is ill and we enjoy it together.

I feel a handful of people who don't even live in this part of the country should not have the ability to restrict what we can watch. Evidently, they don't feel the agricultural sector is important... Isn't it the largest industry in our country? Why the discrimination?

We live in an area where we are forced to take a satellite service and have no say about what programming we are allowed to watch. We have tons of terrible programs.

Keep up the fight!!!!

Ken Blezek
19556 Eastman Road
Pacific Junction, Iowa 51561
Telephone# 712 527 4277



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Dear FCC,

I watch RFD TV on Cox Cable in Omaha, NE. I also watch The Weather Channel from this same source.

I watch these 2 independent channels on a DAILY basis and count on them for the programming/information that I need. I do now own a Smart Phone, so I depend on The Weather Channel for updates, especially during storms all year round.

On RFD TV, I watch Molly B's Polka Party, Marty Stewart, Bluegrass and Backroads, Presley's Country Jubilee, Bluegrass Underground, Gather Gospel Hour, Ray Stevens Nashville, plus many other programs on a continuing basis. RFD TV has outstanding rural programming that cannot be viewed anywhere else for my area.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS PROGRAMMING TO BE TAKEN AWAY BY THE BIG CONGLOMERATES !!!!! America is NOT supposed to be over-run by huge corporations who make decisions for the masses, and I for one want, and NEED, this independent programming to continue. When I heard that only 5% of the Cox customers can get RFD-TV in their areas, I felt blessed that I was in the 5%, but I don't want to be left out if Cox decides to discontinue it in Omaha. PLEASE HELP ALL OF US!

Thank you for listening to those of us who REALLY ENJOY and constantly view the programming on RFD TV and on The Weather Channel.

Sincerely,



Paula Stidhem

5118 Ash Street

Omaha NE 68137

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February 24, 2016

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RFD-TV
49 Music Square West Suite 301
Nashville, TN 37203

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Dear Patrick,

Re: 16-41 *FCC*

I thought we had this issue solved not too long ago and here it comes again!!! These "yuppie" execs are so ignorant it would almost be funny if it wasn't so tragic! They seem to think the East and West coast areas are all that's important. That AND the almighty dollar. I guess they think the groceries sprout in the back room of the stores and the clothes/materials just magically appear out of thin air. I feel like we are being treated like some second class sector of society that the urbanites wish would just go away. They don't seem to understand that what goes on in the country will turn and bite them in the behind. Where do they think their food comes from? We need to connect with the new generation that didn't grow up visiting "grandpa's farm" and they need to learn what it takes to put that food on their plate.

We are farmers and watch RFD-TV 95% of the time. We don't need some ill-informed, uneducated executive making our TV decisions for us. RFD does an excellent job and should be left alone to do the work that no one else deems important. I don't know what we would do for TV if RFD ceased to exist because of stupidity. Why should a handful of "city" people have the right to decide what we can watch on TV? Isn't that a form of monopoly? We are forced to have a satellite and it has channel after channel of junk. I would just like to pay for what we watch. Would be much cheaper. At the current time we are not Verizon customers, but I'm afraid that what happens with the Verizon controversy will set a trend for the other companies.

I'm a care-giver and my husband turns on the RFD as soon as he gets up for the markets and other farm programs. He enjoys the tractor pulls. Do the urban people even know what that is? My husband is older and used to farm with horses so those programs interest him. He can't get out to go to church and watches the Cowboy Church program. We both enjoy the country music and gospel music programs. We are also big rodeo fans. We can't get these things anywhere but RFD-TV.

I feel we are being discriminated against because we are farmers and senior citizens. They only remember we exist when they want money, but we are forgotten when it comes to what we need or want. Thank you for fighting for us.

Judith M. Blezek, 54426 Elrod Rd, Glenwood, Iowa 51534, Telephone 712 527 4442





Fred & Eunice Bolhuis
32975 Grand Ave
Aplington, IA 50604-8528

Aplington, Ia
Feb 24, 2016

To FCC - Docket 16-41

We want to tell you that
we watch BFD-TV and don't
want it taken away.

We watch alot of programs
that are farm & country
related and you can't find
them on any other place.

We watch Molly B Polka Party,
SF Machinery Show, America's
Heartland, Small Town Big Deal,
Rodeo, Roy Rogers, Lone Ranger,
Big Joe Polka, Tractor Fever
just to name a few.

These are good programs
for any age & not just for
seniors.

Thank you.

Eunice - Fred
Bolhuis

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Marjorie Buckwalter
32 Pinnacle Drive
Mohnton, Penna.
19540-9110

Phone #610-777-7120

To Whom it may concern:

My name is Marjorie Buckwalter.
My husband is in rural Pa.
We get RFD programming from
Direct T.V.

One Sat. night about 6 months
I was going through all the channels
+ got the Marty Stuart Show on.

RFD TV has such beautiful music
on Sat. Fri. + Sun. We became regular
viewers of R.F.D. TV, watching it about
60% of our viewing time.

My husband enjoys the horses
& tractors

I feel rural people should
have at least one channel that
appeals to them. Farm families
feel it is very helpful to them.
Anything that helps the farmers
of America is very good. They feed

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our country & help feed the world also. Our dinner tables would be very meager without the tremendous job they do.

I sincerely hope the FCC will help get RFD TV back to all the people who enjoyed their programming.

Sincerely yours
Marjorie Buckwalter



Ms. Janet R. Farson
2230 Golden Gardens St.
Eugene, OR 97402

Mar. 1, 2016

FCC % RFD-TV
1641 Direct TV

To whom it may ~~concern~~ DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

I just can not imagine being with out RFD-TV. This has been a part of my life for many years, and I am not ready to give it up. So I hope you can get this resolved very soon. RFD-TV comes on at my house every Sat. at 4:30 PM and is on until 11:00 on Direct TV. It's such a joy to have this kind of Country Music on all evening. And I often check other days and times to see if I can find any other shows that I'd like. I even record them if I'm going to be gone when they are on, so I can watch them at a later date.

I am 80 yrs. old - grew up on a farm in Ohio and my Dad always had Country Music on every Sat. night (on radio then) - Grand Ole Opry & etc. I never got tired of it. I'm a big fan of Country Music.

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My most favorite shows are:-

Country's Family Reunion
Larry's Country Diner
Mollie B's Polka Party
Presley's Country Jubilee
Penny Gilley Show
Nashville on the road
Marty Stuart Show
Irw Country
Midwest Country
Hee Haw
Joey and Rory Show

And a few others that I can't think of
off the top of my head.

I can't even think of what it might
be like without all this wonderful programming,
if this mess doesn't get resolved soon.

So please keep doing what ever it takes,
to keep RFD-TV on the air, It is --

"The Most Important Network"

I don't want to have to resort to some of those
other channels, where there is "Nothing to Watch". --
that's any good that is. Thank You So Much for
all your effort in all this.



Ms. Janet R. Farson
2230 Golden Gardens St.
Eugene, OR 97402



Sincerely,
Janet R. Farson

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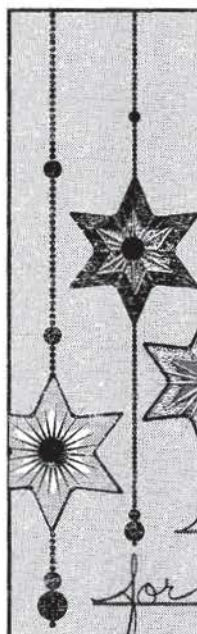
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To whom this may concern,
Once again we're rewriting
in regards to this independ-
ent channel issues that
was once again start-
ed by Verizon, taking a-
way good needed channels.

Stations where you can learn
about things like quilting, trains
to carrying for your pets, etc. etc..
We want wholesome sound pro-
grams, that we can watch as a
family. We are tired of the wick-
ed, smutty programs, you keep
trying to shove down the consum-
ers throats, and charge us for it.
It's no wonder our country is in

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the condition it's in, with
the greed of people like
you. Dictating what
Americans are to watch.

Give the consumer a
choice of what channels
we want to watch, and pay
for. We don't need all those
channels anyway, you can
only watch one at a time. As you
consider these issues, pray the
FCC can settle this once and for
all, and put you people in
your proper place. This is
America, leave our independ-
ent channels alone. We have
rights too!

Sincerely
Bill & Carol

P.S. We receive our TV service
from DirectTV

FCC 16-41

Bill & Carol Stillwell
15889 Highland Dr.
East Liverpool
Ohio 43920



16-41-Dish Fee



Please help
save rural
and senior
programming.



Thanks Patrick
We really enjoy it.



CLYDE & MARTHA MYERS
3777 Pine Run Rd.
Linden, PA 17744



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16-41-Dish Fee



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Clyde Myers

16-41-Dish FC

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16-41-Dish FC

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fills a much needed
niche in television
programming.

It only seems fair
that both urban and
rural interests ~~are~~ served
by the media. It is my
hope that RFD-TV
will continue to fill
this role.

Sincerely,

Barbara Kellogg

103 Highland Dr.

Des Moines, Iowa 52101

Phone: 563-382-5733

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Feb. 25, 2016

Dear FCC, Proceeding number
16-41

I enjoy watching RFD-TV
on Mediacom.

I am a 74 yr. old woman &
horselover and I still trail ride
my horse. As such, I really
enjoy RFD's equine programming.
I also watch some of their other
shows. My husband is a train
buff who enjoys their train shows.
The basic channels including
educational TV rarely have
anything on these two topics.

It is refreshing to find a channel
which is family friendly and offers
so much to country lovers
like myself. RFD certainly